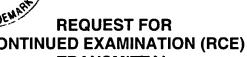
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.											
Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.											
1.	and oth	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.									
•	a.	\boxtimes	Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.								
		i.		Consider the Amendment After Fi	nal Action previously submitted on December 11, 2003.						
		ii.		Other							
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		i.		Amendment/Reply		iii.		Informa	ation Disclosu	ire Statement	
		ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)		iv.	⊠ i	Petition for 1	wo-Month E	xtension of Time	
2.	Miscellaneous										
	a.		Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)								
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	c. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.										
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